

## Prayers for peace

Dear Lord,

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of the victims of all wars and violence among individuals and nations.

Hear my voice, for it is the voice of all children who suffer and will suffer when people put their faith in weapons and war.

Hear my voice when I beg You to install into the hearts of all human beings the wisdom of peace, the strength of justice, and the joy of fellowship.

Hear my voice, for I speak for the multitudes in every country and in every period of history who do not want war and are ready to walk the road of peace.

Hear my voice and grant insight and strength so that we may always respond to hatred with love, to injustice with total dedication to justice, to need with the sharing of self, to war with peace.

O God, hear my voice and grant unto the world  
Your everlasting peace.

*Amen.*

Dear Lord, look with kindness on our broken world  
in which there is so much conflict.

May God, our Merciful Father,  
give wisdom to those who are trying to sustain, protect and  
build peace through negotiation and diplomacy,

*Amen.*

## Thought for the week

23rd July 2023

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time Cycle A

We are taking this opportunity to draw your attention to the Catholic publication “Bible Alive”. A number of parishioners already subscribe and we have taken it since its inception in 1996. We read in the early morning and find it provides a great start to the day.

Bible Alive is a Catholic magazine which draws its inspiration and direction from the Church’s liturgical cycle.

*“The Bible is living, active and therefore dynamic and alive (Hebrews 4:12). From the Bible we draw life, strength and power to live the Christian life.”*

The essence of Bible Alive are the daily reflections. They are written in an accessible and warm style inviting the reader to penetrate and plumb the depths of the Church’s scripture reading of the day. The feature articles cover a wide array of subjects, topics, profiles and interviews on matters relating to living the Christian faith today. These are drawn from the rich and diverse teaching of the Church and the lives of the saints.

With Fr Michael’s blessing, we have free copies of the August edition which are available at the back of the Church. Please take one and give it a trial.

With the demise of many Catholic newspapers like the Universe and the Catholic Times it is hoped that parishioners will take out individual subscriptions. This is only £29.99 for a whole year. That is less than a tankful of petrol and will be fuel for the soul. Subscription details are on the back cover.



**We ask you please, to pray for the following people who continue to ask for your prayers;**

Please pray for Peter Halter's sister Jean who has macular degeneration and for her great grandson Rogan who is 10 and whose Leukaemia has returned. Rogan had a bone marrow transplant, so he continues to need our prayers.

Please Pray for Jim Hardiman.

Please Pray for Maria McNamara's niece who is undergoing chemotherapy. Her name is Alison Flynn née McNamara.

Please pray for Reuben Muston aged 17 (Theresa and Mike Muston's grandson) who has had his stem cell transplant to treat the Aplastic Anaemia. He still needs our prayers please for a successful outcome.

Please pray for Father Paul Rowan who continues to recover after chemotherapy.

Please pray for Beth Selwood.

Please pray for Savanna Clark (aged 2 with eye trouble).

Please pray for Shirley Trollop.

Please pray for Isobel Messenger (Vera Bird's great granddaughter) she has now had her operation to improve her hearing.

Please pray for Simon Keen who is recovering from an operation.

Please pray for Mary Hagger.

Please pray for Vivien Kear (Krissie's friend) who has cancer

Vera Bird has asked for our prayers for her Great, Great Grandson Harry.

Prayers please for Antonita's nephew Peppin who has long covid.

Please pray for the residents and staff of Abbeycrest and St Luke's.

Please pray for the pupils, teachers and parents of St Martin's school.



**Please remember in your prayers those whose anniversaries occur at this time including;**

Patrick Deeney, Anne Harris, Jenny Keogh,  
Kevin de Silva, Jacqueline Margaret Clyne,  
Norman Hutchinson, Judith Gomes,  
Margaret Lonsdale, Bill Riordan, Michael Collins,  
Kitty Minter, Rosita Smith, David Andrews,  
Michael Bartley, Kathleen Butler, Edward Cottrell,  
Jimmy Minter, Brian Stratmore Cleary, June Payne,  
Patrick O'Flaherty-Hilder, Brian Mudge,  
Shirley Anderson-Williams.